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REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an Official Action requiring restriction between two groups of inventions. The groups identified by the Examiner are:

Group I: Claims 1-21 drawn to a stable pharmaceutical composition; and

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Group II: Claims 22-37 drawn to a method of treating and/or preventing a bacterial infection disease.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

However, to expedite prosecution, the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-21 are provisionally elected.

All rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims and/or any other subject matter disclosed in the specification are preserved.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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